

Lincoln Smoking Regulation Act Summary

Passed by Lincoln City Council 6-28-04

- The effective date of the ordinance is July 13. There will be no citations or enforcement actions prior to Nov. 1, 2004, however employers are encouraged to implement this policy on or before the July 13 date.
- The ordinance is virtually a 100% ban. The Lincoln Smoking Regulation Act applies to all indoor places of employment and indoor public places within the city limits.
 - An indoor area is defined as an area enclosed by a floor, ceiling and floor to ceiling walls on all sides that are continuous and solid except for closeable entry/exit doors and windows.
- The only exceptions to the ban include:
 - Guestrooms or suites in hotels, motels, inns, lodges, etc. may designate up to 20% of total rooms as smoking. Each of these smoking guestrooms must have a permanent sign posted containing the words “smoking allowed” on each entrance.
 - A research facility may allow smoking studies as long as a temporary sign is posted at all entrances to the laboratory indicating that smoking is taking place for the purposes of research.
 - A business operated in a private residence.
- The Health Director and law enforcement agencies are authorized to inspect a place of employment or public place at any reasonable time to determine compliance.

For further information, please refer to the ordinance found in Lincoln Municipal Code (LMC) Chapter 8.50.